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Van Woerkom Helps Keep Merit Award Scholarship Promise

LANSING – State Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, kept his promise to help grant the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship to eligible college freshmen by extending the deadline to certify MEAP results until November 15 this year.

“I’m glad to see that students who earned the Merit Award Scholarship through their hard work and dedication in school will not be penalized due to the delay in the release of the MEAP scores,” Van Woerkom said. “By extending the deadline to certify results for two more months, we will ensure that all students who earned the scholarship are rewarded.”

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only.

Delays in the release of MEAP test scores this summer left many college freshmen awaiting notification of whether they qualified for the Merit Award Scholarships.

The legislation was signed into law last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. This issue was the topic of multiple committee hearings in the Senate Education Committee, of which Van Woerkom is a member.

Note: A downloadable photograph of Sen. Van Woerkom is available on the Senate Majority Photowire, located at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire.